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Group Art Unit 1761 :
: Confirmation No. 3028
Examiner: Steven L. Weinstein :
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In re Application of :
MICHINOBU OKA : NOODLES HAVING SLITS AND
: METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
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Serial No. 10/688,455 :
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Filed October 17, 2003 : Attorney Docket No.: 132578-00018

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC
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November 5, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This amendment, along with a request for a one-month extension of
time, is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on July 14, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflecting in the Listing of claims beginning on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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